

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Daily Digest

Highlights

The House passed H.R. 3962, Affordable Health Care for America Act.

Senate

The Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 2 p.m., on Monday, November 9, 2009.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 4061–4067; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 212 were introduced. **Page H12971**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H12972**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson (IL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H12591**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rule and pass the following measures which were debated on Friday, November 6th:

Amending the Small Business Act to improve the Microloan Program: H.R. 3737, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Microloan Program, and for other purposes by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 876; **Pages H12594–95**

Small Business Microlending Expansion Act of 2009: H.R. 1838, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to modify certain provisions relating to women's business centers, and for other purposes by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 428 yeas to 4 noes, Roll No. 877; **Pages H12595–96**

Small Business Development Centers Modernization Act of 2009: H.R. 1845, to amend the Small Business Act to modernize Small Business Development Centers, and for other purposes, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 412 yeas to 20 noes, Roll No. 878; **Page H12596**

National School Psychology Week: H. Res. 700, to express support for designation of the week beginning on November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 431 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 879; **Pages H12596–97**

Expressing support for Chinese human rights activists Huang Qi and Tan Zuoren: H. Res. 877, to express support for Chinese human rights activists Huang Qi and Tan Zuoren for engaging in peaceful expression as they seek answers and justice for the parents whose children were killed in the Sichuan earthquake of May 12, 2008, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 426 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 880; **Pages H12597–98**

Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the remarkable events leading to the end of the Cold War and the creation of a Europe, whole, free, and at peace: H. Res. 892, to recognize the 20th anniversary of the remarkable events leading to the end of the Cold War and the creation of a Europe, whole, free, and at peace, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 431 yeas to 1 no, Roll No. 883; **Page H12623**

Honoring the lives of the brave soldiers and civilians of the United States Army who died or were wounded in the tragic attack of November 5, 2009 at Ford Hood, Texas: H. Res. 895, to honor the lives of the brave soldiers and civilians of the United States Army who died or were wounded in the tragic attack of November 5, 2009 at Ford Hood, Texas, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 428 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 888; **Pages H12968–69**

Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Iranian hostage crisis: H. Con. Res. 209, to recognize the

30th anniversary of the Iranian hostage crisis, during which 52 United States citizens were held hostage for 444 days from November 4, 1979, to January 20, 1981; and

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Honoring the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the 10th anniversary of the accession to the throne of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein: H. Res. 833, amended, to honor the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the 10th anniversary of the accession to the throne of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein.

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Affordable Health Care for America Act: The House passed H.R. 3962, to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 887.

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Rejected the Cantor motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 886.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–330, perfected by the modification printed in part B of the report, shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed to:

Stupak amendment (printed in part C of H. Rept. 111–330) that codifies the Hyde Amendment in H.R. 3962. The amendment prohibits federal funds for abortion services in the public option. It also prohibits individuals who receive affordability credits from purchasing a plan that provides elective abortions. However, it allows individuals, both who receive affordability credits and who do not, to separately purchase with their own funds plans that cover elective abortions. It also clarifies that private plans may still offer elective abortions (by a yealand-nay vote of 240 yeas to 194 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 884).

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Rejected:

Boehner amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in part D of H. Rept. 111–330) that sought to create Universal Access Programs that expand and reform high-risk pools and reinsurance programs to guarantee that all Americans, regardless of pre-exist-

ing conditions or past illnesses, have access to affordable care while lowering costs for all Americans. It would have prevented insurers from unjustly canceling a policy or instituting annual or lifetime spending caps. The amendment would have put in place medical liability reforms and give small businesses the power to pool together and offer health care at lower prices. In addition, the legislation would have provided incentive payments to states that reduce premiums and the number of uninsured. The bill would have allowed Americans living in one state to shop for coverage and purchase insurance in another. The legislation would have prohibited all Federal funds, whether they are authorized funds or appropriated funds, from being used to pay for abortion. The amendment would have created new incentives to save for future and long-term care needs by allowing qualified participants to use HSAs to pay premiums (by a yealand-nay vote of 176 yeas to 258 nays, Roll No. 885).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 903, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 882, after the previous question was ordered by a recorded vote of 247 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 881.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2009, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 210, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yealand-nay votes and nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12594–95, H12595–96, H12596, H12597, H12597–98, H12621–22, H12622, H12623, H12962, H12962–63, H12967, H12967–68 and H12968–69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.